THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism provides financial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments. The Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh of Central Financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure at Kolleru Tank.

Starting of Vayudoot services

97. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot propose to start its services to some more places during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Vayudoot have plans to airlink Sagar in Madhya Pradesh, Rupsi in Assam, Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh, Rajouri and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir during the current year, subject to the availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure facilities and economic viabilty of operations.

Ban on the Production and Sale of the Estrogen Progesterone Drugs

98. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the recommendations of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICAR) to ban production & sale of estrogen progesterone (EP) drugs, no action has been taken so far to stop multi-production and dumping these drugs in Indian Markets;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in banning the production & sale of these drugs: and

(c) by when these are likely to be banned?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Government has prohibited manufacture and sale of "fixed dose" combination of Oestrogen and Progestins (other than Oral Contraceptives) containing per tablet 50 micrograms (equivalent to Ethenyl Estradiol) and Progestin content of more than 3 mg. (equivalent to Norethisterone Acetate) vide GSR No. 700-(E), dated 15-6-1988.

Free Foot-wear Scheme in Schools in Tamil Nadu

99. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of beneficiaries under the free foot-wear scheme in schools in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said scheme is not being implemented in many districts in that State; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P SHAHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Separate Express Roadways on National Highways

100. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme to form a separate Express Roadways for the National Highways;